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Lake H. Barrett, Acting Director
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Dear Sir:

I am responding to state my view about the possibility of a nuclear waste **dump** in Nevada. I am adamantly opposed to having Yucca Mountain serve as a repository for spent nuclear fuel and high level radioactive waste.

My primary concern about this potential repository is for the safety of the people in this region. With a central unified location for all spent fuels and radioactive waste, and the long distances it would have to be transported, it would have the potential for terrorist activity.

The transportation of the nuclear fuel and radioactive waste would be very dangerous. I understand that the material would primarily be transported via the railroad. The railroad runs parallel to the Humboldt River, the only major river in Northern Nevada. The railroad also passes through numerous (almost all major) metropolitan areas. These two facts should deter any transportation by rail; however, this doesn't seem to be the case.

I would think in this modern age, the possibility of transporting the waste by air in a controlled, secured, protected "corridor" in small amounts would be a viable possibility. This corridor could be located above isolated, remote areas for increased safety.

Or better yet why not just keep the material at the site where it is used? They are the ones benefiting, using, and profiting from its utilization. Why should we bare the burden of storing their waste?

Sincerely,



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